Traumatic centres in hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

*313. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and city hospitals in Andhra Pradesh which are having Traumatic Centres to deal with emergency cases of accident victims, hospital-wise;

(b) whether Government have provided Central funds to the State to establish Traumatic Centres in hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) the Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that all the 10 Teaching Hospitals are having traumatology units and in 23 District Hospitals trauma care centres are being looked after by the Ortho. Specialists.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibilty of the respective State Government to provide medical facilities. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as such has no scheme under which Central funds could be provided to the States to establish Traumatic Centres in hospitals. However, this Ministry under the Pilot Project *viz.,* Upgradation and Strengthening of Emergency facilities of State Hospitals of town /cities located on National Highways is providing financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1.50 crores.

Sethu Samuthram Scheme

*314. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had invited global tender for Sethu Samuthram Scheme;

(b) if so, the status of the scheme; and

(c) by when the scheme would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH GOYAL): (a) and (b) The Tuticorin Port Trust, as a nodal agency to implement the project, had invited global tenders for preparing the Feasibility/Economic Viability Study and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Study. Meanwhile, a meeting was held in this Ministry on this project with the representatives of Ministry of Environment and Forests, National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Pune and National Ship Design and Research Centre (NSDRC) to deliberate how the Study can be completed expeditiously and accordingly NEERI, a Govt. of India Undertaking, has been entrusted with the task of conducting the techno-economic and EIA studies.

(c) The Techno-economic and EI/ studies would take about one year's time. Decision on the implementation of the scheme will be .taken up only after availability of the outcome of the studies.

Non-Utilisation of funds under NSUS by States

*315. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have blamed the States for non-utilisation of the funds made available to them under the National Slum Upgradation Schemes;

(b) if so, the States which have not utilised this fund;

(c) the total amount allocated to each State;

(d) how many of them have utilised the same; and

(e; the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) Slum development is a State subject and the State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slum in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions 'herefor in their respective State Plan. However, with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slum a programme